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In re Application of:

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Sterol Synthesis and Metabolism**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 21, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, authorization to charge such fees is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.